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S E C R E T LAGOS 1882

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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: UN ACTION ON THE HORN; GARBA SAYS WAIT

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1. I TOOK UP WITH GARBA THIS AFTERNOON THE SUBJECT OF SECURITY
COUNCIL ACTION ON A RESOLUTION CONCERNING A NEGOTIATED SETTLE-
MENT IN THE HORN. AFTER ASKING WHAT THE REACTIONS OF THE USSR
AND THE 'TWO BELLIGERENTS' WERE TO SUCH A MOVE, HE SAID HE

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SHARED OUR VIEW THAT THE HORN CONFLICT HAS BEEN TAKEN BEYOND THE
REGIONAL CONTEXT AND IS POTENTIALLY EXPLOSIVE. HE POINTED OUT,
HOWEVER, THAT HE DID NOT KNOW HOW OAU MEMBERS WOULD REACT, GIVEN
THEIR ADHERENCE TO THE CONCEPT THAT AFRICAN PROBLEMS SHOULD BE
SETTLED BYAFRICANS.

2. IN ANY EVENT, GARBA POINTED OUT THAT THE OAU GOOD OFFICES

MEDIATION EFFORT WAS MAKING SOME PROGRESS. HE SAID, CAREFULLY CHOOSING HIS WORDS, THAT A FAIRLY HIGH LEVEL ETHIOPIAN DELEGATION IS ARRIVING IN LAGOS TODAY TO 'EXPLORE THE POSSIBILITY OF AGREEING ON THE MODALITIES FOR A MEETING,' WHICH TRANSLATES INTO AN ATTEMPT TO AGREE ON AN AGENDA FOR A MEETING BETWEEN ETHIOPIANS AND SOMALIS. IF AN AGENDA IS SETTLED ON AND MENGISTU THEN PERMITS HIS DELEGATION TO STAY ON IN LAGOS, GARBA BELIEVES THE SOMALIS MAY BE PREPARED TO COME TO LAGOS FOR A MEETING. THEY HAVE PRESENTED REMAINS TO BE CLEARED UP. THERE IS ALSO THE POSSIBILITY THAT SIAD WILL ASK HIS AMBASSADOR IN LAGOS TO ATTEND A MEETING INSTEAD OF SENDING A DELEGATION FROM MOGADISCIO.

3. WHEN I POINTED OUT THAT THE FRENCH WERE APPROACHING BONGO ON THE SECURITY COUNCIL PROPOSAL AND IT WOULD PROBABLY BE HELPFUL FOR HIM TO KNOW OF THE TALKS TAKING PLACE IN LAGO, GARBA OFFHANDLY REMARKED THAT HE DID NOT SEE WHY BONGO SHOULD BE CONCERNED. AFRICA DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR AKADIRI, WHO WAS ALSO PRESENT, OBSERVED THAT HE HAD SEEN THE GABONESE AMBASSADOR TODAY AND HAD INFORMED HIM OF THE MEETINGS.

4. GARBA SAID HE HAD NO ILLUSIONS THAT THE PRESENT SCENARIO WOULD RESULT IN PEACEFUL NEGOTIATIONS BUT IT SHOULD BE GIVEN A CHANCE TO PLAY OUT. HE WAS AWARE THAT THE ETHIOPIANS HAD AGREED TO COME TO LAGOS ONLY BECAUSE OF PRESSURE BY THE PRINCIPAL NATIONS. HE STRESSED THEY WOULD NOT BE COMING WITHOUT SOVIET
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ASSENT. HE SAID IF THIS EFFORT FAILS, NIGERIA WILL ACCEPT ANY PLAN THAT WILL HELP.

5. COMMENT: GARBA CLEARLY PREFERS NO RPT NO SECURITY COUNCIL ACTION UNTIL HE HAS TESTED ETHIOPIAN REACTION IN THE UPCOMING TALKS. HE SAID HE WOULD KEEP US INFORMED.
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